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Part B for Feb 22

SUBJECT.

Affairs of the Sri Sarvagnaroyaswami Mutt at Thanjore known as Sri Raja Rajeswara Mutt at Kumbakonam

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Mwz. Sept. Comptr
No 4083-4 Dy 18.2.22
Directed to take the ——— under Govt management

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FILE HEADING.

Taking over under Govt. management the Sri Sarvagna-rajaswami Matha otherwise known as Sri. Raghavendra swami Brindavana at Honnali, Shimoga Dtt.

From

The Mysore Supdt in Mysore—

No. Note Dated 29-10-21 Received 1-11-21

Diary No. 1655. Enclos. 2 Spare Copies. Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

States that the Brindavana is endowed with a cash grant of Rs 296-4-0 per annum & 73 acres 39 guntas of inam lands (Dry) ~~to~~ bearing an assessment of Rs 69-8-0; and recommends that the institution may be taken under Govt. manag[t] under section 9(1) of the Mysore Regn. as the archak has been misappropriating the income from the endowments & refuses to work under the orders of Govt.—

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Subd for orders—As to whether in the circumstances represented by the Mysore Supdt in his letter regarding the Brindavanam may be taken—

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Secd Member 3/1/22

35-71-25 I agree with the Secretary. 3.1.22

I have seen this institution myself. During my visits & tours the building is in a very dilapidated condition. I also recollect hearing at the time about the mismanagement in its affairs. The Shrine is held in much veneration by certain communities & as it has been well endowed, it is necessary & desirable that it should be taken under Govt. management.

Reel 4.1.22

Draft 3/4/1/22

Draft order is submitted. The Nuz: Supdt's note has been read in extenso, as it fully explains the case & the reasons for taking the institution under Govt. management

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Draft approved
Ellis
26-1-22

U.J. 26/1/22

To The Inspector Genl. in Mysore.
Govt Letter to Govt.
No: 4083-4 dy 18th Feb: 1922
Directs that the Sarvagnanya Swami Brindavana be taken under Govt. management.

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Subject:-- Affairs of the Sri Sarvagna-ravaswami Matha otherwise known as Sri -- Raghavendraswami Brindavana at Honnali.

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This is a Muzrai Institution endowed with a cash grant of Rs.296-4-0 and the -- marginally noted inam lands. This is really not a matha with a Swamy presiding over it, but only a Brindavana dedicated to Sri Raghavendraswami, not subject, however, to the control and management of the Sri Raghavendraswami Matha at Nanjangud.

S. No.	Extent. A. G.	Assessment. Rs. A. P.
Dry 5 part	2 4	2 0 0
" 13	20 20	23 0 0
" 25	2 30	3 8 0
" 43	22 10	15 0 0
" 45	20 30	17 0 0
"+92	5 25	9 0 0
Total	73 39	69 8 0

2. The Special Muzrai Sheristedar who enquired into the affairs of the institution in 1918 reported that the buildings was in a state of disrepair, that the Vahivatdar who also happened to be the archak had maintained no accounts and that the management was on the whole far from satisfactory

The institution was also visited by the late Muzrai Superintendent Mr. G. -- Aravamudu Iyengar on 20th September 1918 when he found that there was much truth in what the Sheristedar had reported.

3. When in 1905 the archaks refused to render accounts on the plea that they had never submitted such accounts and that the could not arrange for their preparation, Government in para 5 of their Order No. -

No. 741-3 dated 20th January 1909 directed the Deputy Commissioner to inform the -- managers that the Government have always the power to require them to keep the buildings in good order and to manage the institution properly and maintain accounts. The local officers were also instructed to -- inspect the institution periodically and to satisfy themselves that the grants were properly spent.

4. In view of the unsatisfactory state of things brought to notice the Deputy -- Commissioner was requested to take action under Section 8 of the Muzrai Regulation and to forward suitable scales of income and expenditure.

5. The matter having been referred to the Amildar for enquiry, he issued a notice to Archak Gururayachar and all the others concerned to show cause why the management of the Matha and its endowment should not be assumed by Government. A detailed -- enquiry was conducted and many respectable residents of Honnali were examined. Gururayachar thereupon presented a written statement wherein he attempted either to discredit or refute the statements about the mismanagement and agreed to maintain regular accounts and to spend money according to a fixed scale of expenditure. He also said that four persons who are devotees of the Brindavana may be associated with him for the better management of the institution. He further said that if these conditions --

conditions would not satisfy Government, he would furnish security for the proper management of the property under Section 9 (3) of the Muzrai Regulation.

6. In submitting the matter for the orders of the higher authorities, the Amildar reported on 25th October 1919 that it was not safe to leave the management of the institution and its endowments in the hands of Gururavachar as he had grossly misused the trust property in various ways, such as (i) leasing the inam and puduvat lands for inadequate guttas, (ii) not performing the services stipulated by private donors (iii) depositing all surplus amounts in his own name and (iv) not maintaining accounts in spite of several orders issued since 1904. The Sub Division Officer Mr. M. Sesnadri called for certain further information and ordered that, as the annual income exceeded Rs.1000/- and as the institution was losing much of this income by the continued mismanagement of Gururavachar, the *marginally noted gentlemen may be appointed Dharmadarsis to supervise the affairs of the -- Institution in anticipation of sanction.

(1) M.R.Rv.Balakrishna Rao, Pensioner and Pleader;

(2) Thimmappa Nadiga, -- Shanbog and Land Holder,

(3) Malhari Jois, Contractor,

(4) Raghavendrappa, Shanbog,

(5) Srinivasachar, Land Holder.

7. In pursuance of the above orders, the Amildar conducted a further detailed enquiry and submitted the records to the Sub Division Officer who recommended that the institution together with its endowments might be taken under Government management for the following among other reasons:--

(i) That the institution is a very -- important one having extensive land and cash endowments given both by Government and by private individuals.

(ii) That the archak not only claims the matha as his own private proerty but has been misusing the income derived from the inams without maintaining any accounts in spite of several orders issued to him since 1904.

(iii) That proper arrangements have not been made for the performance of the sevas stipulated by private persons out of the income derived from their cash and land endowments,

(iv) That the special services to be performed on Thursdays and Dwadasi have been completely stopped.

(v) That the several respectable persons examined have deposed that the management is not satisfactory and that for the better management of the institution, arrangements such as the leasing out of the temple lands on advantageous terms, fixing a suitable scale of expenditure and the appointment of a set of Dharmadarsis are necessary.

8. The Deputy Commissioner ordered that it was desirable to take the institution under direct Government management but -- observed that the vahivatdar might be allowed to continue in possession of the lands provided he agreed to give the institution the income reasonably due to it. He

He further said that if the archak has to be allowed to continue in management, he should maintain regular accounts under the supervision of the Dharmadarsis.

9. A notice in terms of the above order having been issued, Gururajachar said that he did not agree to work under Government or to give up the management and that the inam lands might be resumed. The Amildar reported that the contention of Gururayachar was untenable, unreasonable and that there was no likelihood of a change in his attitude, unless drastic action was taken. The Sub Division Officer thereupon ordered that in pursuance of the Deputy Commissioner's orders, the inam and puduvat lands might be taken under Government management and disposed of to the best advantage of the institution. Accordingly the lands were resumed from the possession and enjoyment of Gururayachar and leased out for an annual gutta of Rs.822-3-0.

10. In forwarding the entire records for the orders of Government, the Deputy Commissioner states that considering the local circumstances, it seems impracticable to secure efficient management unless the -- institution is looked after directly by Government.

The Deputy Commissioner also recommends that the temple of Sri Hanumantha Devaru which is situated within the Matha premises and has a cash grant of Rs.76/- a year may be clubbed with the Matha advantageously ...

and the two together treated as one major Institution.

11. I concur with the Deputy Commissioner in considering that the institutions in -- question may be taken under Government -- management and treated as a major institution as their income exceed Rs.1000/- a year.

The mere fact that Gururayachar claims the Matha, which is a Muzrai instition, as his own, is a sufficient ground for depriving him of possession of the institution and its endowments, it being clear that no trustee who sets up his own title to trust property can be allowed to continue in such capacity.

A further note about the appointment of Dharmadarsis and the fixing of a scale of expenditure will be submitted in Consultation with the Deputy Commissioner.

Correspondence ending with letter No. R.C.719/Rev.19-20 dated 18th September 1921 received from the Deputy Commissioner is submitted for reference and kind return.

29-10-1921.

Muzrai Superintendent.

Muz 464-21-2

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read --

G.O.No.741-3/Muz.200-05-4 dated 20th January 1909 directing that the production of monthly accounts by the Vahivatdar of the Sri Sarvagnaroyaswami's Matt at Honnali need not be insisted upon, but requesting the Deputy Commissioner --

(a) to inform the Vahivatdar of the institution that Government have always the power to require him to keep the buildings in good order, to manage the institution properly and to maintain accounts,

(b) and also to instruct the local Muzra. officers that they should inspect the institution periodically and to satisfy themselves that the cash grant is properly spent.

2. Note dated 29th October 1921 of the Muzrai Superintendent in Mysore on the subject of the affairs of the institution.

(To be typed in extenso.)

O r d e r -- No. C.S.-2-

Dated Bangalore, the

Under the circumstances represented by the Muzrai Superintendent, Government are pleased to direct that the Brindavan be taken under Government management. It be

Commissioner is requested to take necessary action accordingly.

2. The further note promised by the Huzrat Superintendent about the appointment of Dharmadarsis and the fixing of a scale of expenditure, is awaited.

Fair Draft)

Secretary to Government,
Huzrat Department.

To

The Huzrat Superintendent in Mysore,
returning the enclosures to his note.
The Comptroller to Government.

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